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IMPORTANT APPOINTMENTS.

The Attorney-General has returned from Washington, and upon his arrival he found things rather mixed here. Besides the Japanese trouble, the smallpox, and the so-called quarantine of a number of officials, he was informed of the resignation of two prominent officials. The vacancies have to be filled before the 1st of May and we sincerely hope that the President and his Cabinet will select men who will be acceptable to all classes, competent to administer the laws of the country, and familiar with the peculiarities and characteristics of the Hawaiian people.

The police and District Magistrate of Honolulu has resigned, his resignation to take place on the 1st of May. Judge de la Vergne has been termed a "kindergarten" jurist by THE INDEPENDENT. Although still hampered with inexperience in regard to the people brought before him and the peculiar actions of the police officers and Government spies he has improved wonderfully, and he leaves the bench with the full respect of the community. What is wanted in his place is a man who has no fear of the authorities, who does not care a fig for a re-appointment, and who asks no favors from anyone. A man combining such qualities with the necessary knowledge of law is hard to find. We have numerous "new" lawyers here, all good and clever men beyond a doubt, but all of them are "new" and unfamiliar with the material with which they have to deal.

It will be a great pity if Mr. Luther Wilcox cannot be persuaded to accept the judgeship. The personal efforts of each of the executive officers of the Government should be brought to bear on Mr. Wilcox and all allowances should be made, in persuading him to accept an office for which he is eminently fitted and where he will be in a position to do the greatest good to the people with whom he has cast his lot and for whom he always has shown an honest, deep-felt aloha. Mr. Wilcox has stated on a former occasion, when the position as judge was offered to him, that he did not want to be made a slave by writing the records of the Court or bothering about the clerical work. He is perfectly right. The District Court of Honolulu is of great importance. The liberty of men is decided there, and a judge listening carefully to the evidence produced, should not be forced to scribble down the words of witnesses and thereby be apt to forget the main thread and trend of the evidence. Surely the pay for a shorthand writer can be spared from some appropriation, even if the Marshal has to dispense with his private secretary or one or two of his interesting spies. It will be good policy for Mr. Dole and his Cabinet to seat Luther Wilcox, *nolens volens*, in the chair of the Honolulu's Police Magistrate.

The other position made vacant is that of the deputy-attorney-general, Mr. E. P. Dole having resigned his office. The present incumbent may be very learned in the law but

he has certainly not been a practical success. To fill the important office of public prosecutor, and that is the proper name for the Deputy Attorney-General, a man of great experience in the customs and practices of Hawaiian Courts should be appointed.

We find again a number of our "new" lawyers applying for the "job," but we doubt if Attorney-General Smith, will look with favor on their applications, if he can secure the services of a man whose ability and eminent qualifications are well-known to him and his colleagues.

We do not know whether Mr. Antonio Rosa will accept the office of Deputy Attorney-General. If he will, he is certainly the most competent man for the place. Mr. Rosa has enjoyed an excellent career as an Attorney, and that is what makes him the most suitable man for the office referred to. Rosa has been a Clerk in the Supreme Court, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney-General and recently Circuit Judge. In his subordinate positions he worked under jurists like C. C. Harris, Preston and Neumann, and in every official position held by him he has enjoyed the respect of the whole community, irrespective of political sentiments.

THE INDEPENDENT is not trying to "boom" anyone for the two important offices now vacant. We feel however that the moment is near when the "hatchet" must be buried and all stand shoulder to shoulder to save the country from the ruin which now threatens us. Simply for that reason do we offer a few suggestions to Mr. Dole and his Cabinet.

✓ Suicide on Maui.

By the *Claudine* the sad news reached us of the suicide of Wm. H. Daniels a well known and highly respected citizen.

The details are very meager as the news only reached the steamer by telephone. We learned however that the unfortunate man shot himself through the temple with a revolver on Saturday afternoon at Kailua, Hamakualoa, Maui, death being instantaneous.

The deceased was about 44 years old and was born on Maui, a son of the late Judge Daniels a well-known old resident among the *kamaainas*. After having received a good education he went to work on plantations and ranches and was everywhere esteemed as an energetic young man full of enterprise and of temperate habits.

Together with W. H. Cummings, the road supervisor of Honolulu he purchased the island of Kahoolawe which a few years after was sold to C. Sneyd-Kynnersley.

He was a member of the Legislature during the sessions of 1887-1888. Later on he became manager of the Hawaiian Fruit and Taro Co., in Wailuku. He then opened a dry goods store in Wailuku and took a prominent part in the election of 1890, when he was defeated as a candidate for noble.

He was eventually appointed district judge of Wailuku a position which he held until the overturn of the Monarchy, when a renewal of his commission was refused.

In 1895, during the so-called rebellion the deceased was in Honolulu on some legal business and arrested without warrant or reason, and confined in Oahu Prison. He was kept there over forty days and then released without trial or any reason being offered for his arrest.

During his imprisonment the deceased, who naturally was of an easy going, sanguine disposition became very morose and was hourly brooding over the fate of his wife and his children with whom he had no means of communicating and whom he knew to be virtually without means of existence.

When released from jail, he returned to Maui where he received employment as superintendent of the Haiku ditch from the management of Spreckelsville. Together with his sons, also employed at Spreckelsville, he started a small coffee plantation at Makawao, which was prospering. Since his imprisonment he was never the same man again and his suicide must undoubtedly have happened while his mind was unbalanced.

The deceased leaves a widow and a large family. No further particulars in regard to the sad event can be received until to-morrow on the arrival of the *Mauna Loa*.

THE KAMEHAMEHAS.

A Most Successful Evening With Talented Performers.

The entertainment given on Saturday evening by the Girl's School, Preparatory and Manual of Kamehameha School at their Gymnasium was a sterling success, in spite of the somewhat dilatory manner in which the program was presented making the close of the entertainment somewhat later than anticipated.

The building was crowded with the friends of the pupils, and, as desired, they were almost entirely Hawaiians only one of the Trustees, Rev. Dr. Hyde, being present. Mr. Brigham fortunately was prevented from receiving a marked ovation by absenting himself at the suggestion of Dame Rumor and his friends who were not anxious to have the musical harmony of the evening marred by a harsh sibilant chorus.

Omitting one or two numbers, the criticism upon which may be indefinitely deferred, it is a pleasure to speak strong words of praise of the part song, "The Spinner" by the K. G. S. Chorus. This was beautifully rendered, the balance of the parts being most excellently sustained throughout with clear and tuneful voices. It was one of the most charming gems of true and genuine music heard here and it is difficult to give due credit to those participating.

Another number that was far above the average at such like gatherings was the opening duet "Scene du Bal" of Berlioz's, most efficiently played by Lena Rosewarne and Lydia Aholo. It was not only very tuneful, but executed with such fine touch and technique as clearly demonstrate, that the young ladies were capable of much higher efforts.

Perhaps, the Raquet Drill attracted as much favorable attention as any of the other numbers. In this eight young ladies of the Girl's School charmingly and neatly costumed, went through the tennis Calisthenic drill in so perfect a manner that they appeared to be fascinating automata endowed with animated grace but mechanically moving on pegs as it were through the impulse of a higher volition than their own.

Lowell Kupau and Anthony Zablan acted very cleverly in the amusing A. B. C. duet, and C. Kinney as

Julian in "Just Retribution" won his mark as a clear and distinct enunciation of his phrases. Ako, as the cook, and Lowell Kupau, as the mate, in the "Yarn (beg pardon, the "tale") of the Nancy Bell" also cleverly sustained their parts until Ako was turned into soup. Miss Albright took pardonable liberties in her arrangement of "Little Red Ridinghood" as to the finale, but it was none the less very finely presented by the Misses Chamberlain, Wohlers, Anahu and Lovell. Stephen Desha gave his recitation of "The Drumlie Drummer" ably and effectively, and a delightful evening ended with the anthem "Thanks Be to God" very well sung by the Kamehameha choir.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S Diamond Jubilee. 1837-1897

A MEETING OF BRITISH RESIDENTS will be held in the Arlington Hotel parlors on WEDNESDAY evening, the 21st April, at 7:30 o'clock, to consider what steps should be taken for the proper celebration of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

THOMAS RAIN WALKER, T. MAY, ALEX. YOUNG, F. M. SWANZY, ROBT. CATTON, JAMES CAMPBELL.

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